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Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Room H-159
600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC
20580

Dear Sirs;

It was with great interest that I learned of your endeavors to combat the growing identity theft crimes in the United States. As a retired law enforcement officer and currently working fraud in the credit unions, I appreciate your efforts, and certainly your frustrations.

As you may be aware, South Florida is a hot bed of this activity. I deal daily with it's victims and can share in their experiences. My portion of the credit union industry has formulated training classes and materials to use in identifying, preventing and reducing this form of fraud. In addition to industry training we have also produced programs for our State Comptroller's Office. We have also formed the Broward Economic Crime Association to educate our consumers and law enforcement on this and many other issues.

If I, or any of the associations that I am part of can assist you in your endeavors by supplying speakers, training material or any other support, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely;

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